

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1958

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st December, 1957 -

Males - 360,031      Females - 340,183      Persons - 700,214

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1957 -

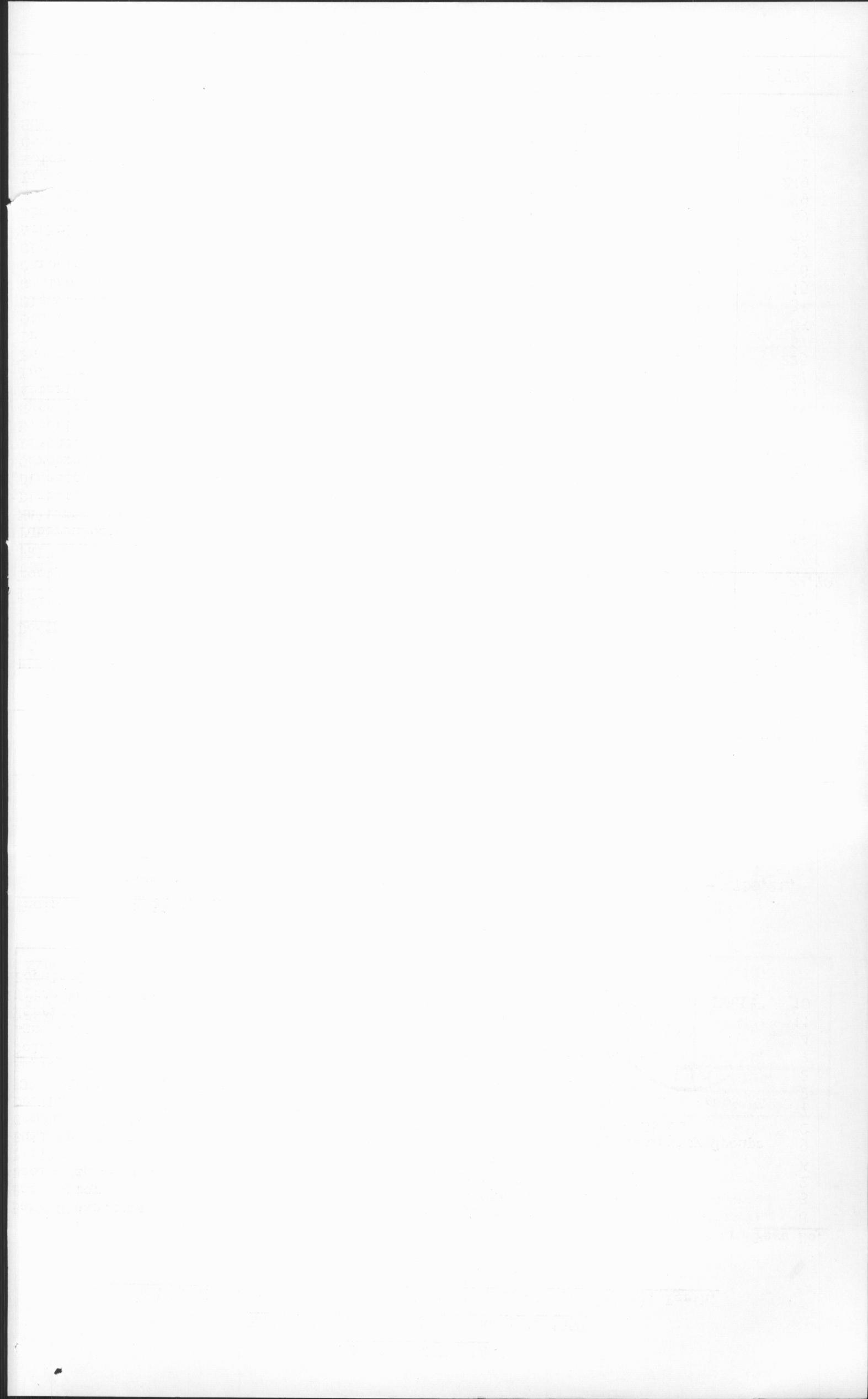
Persons - 376,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	JANUARY		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1958	1957	1957	1956
Marriages - Number	532	550	4,899	5,080
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	8.97	9.45	7.08	7.50
Births - Number	1,535	1,516	16,924	16,916
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	25.87	26.04	24.47	24.98
Deaths - Number	488	415	5,295	5,572
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	8.23	7.13	7.66	8.23
Infant )- Number	25	29	357	384
Mortality) * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	16.29	19.13	21.09	22.70
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	1	2	36	46
Malignant neoplasms	69	78	799	803
Diabetes mellitus	4	7	62	63
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	-	16	12
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	68	54	586	669
Diseases of the heart	147	119	1,596	1,748
Hypertension with heart disease	12	17	146	148
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	3	4	61	72
Arteriosclerosis	15	11	138	154
Influenza	-	1	38	17
Pneumonia	16	8	217	225
Bronchitis	5	2	63	67
Other respiratory diseases	8	2	78	83
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	5	41	31
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	3	18	15
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	1	7	8
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	2	26	33
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	4	73	78
Diseases of the prostate	11	3	55	49
Maternal causes	-	1	6	9
Diseases of early infancy	18	15	207	219
Motor vehicle accidents	16	12	146	192
Other accidents	20	19	184	216
Suicide	10	4	85	89
All other causes	52	41	611	526
Total:	488	415	5,295	5,572

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

† Deaths under one year.



LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the two months ended February, 1958, totalled 316,145 acres, an increase of 220,029 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 202,813 acres, an increase of 141,025.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,325,216	4,014,013	34,997,871	33,495,236
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 3. 8	5. 16. 11	50. 5. 8	49. 2. 0
Expenditure	4,545,213	4,408,002	38,618,348	37,394,984
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 9. 11	6. 8. 5	55. 9. 9	54. 16. 3

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of February, 1958, amounted to £64,644,232 or £92.7.0 per head of population as against £61,209,066 or £89.1.10 per head at the end of February, 1957.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 26th February, 1958, amounted to £15,871,599 compared with £15,910,636 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
Transfers	No. 1,599	£. 1,535	No. 13,106	£. 11,256
	£. 3,129,455	2,595,015	22,533,821	16,698,582
Mortgages	No. 1,258	£. 1,172	No. 9,737	£. 8,279
	£. 2,165,397	2,066,346	18,589,680	14,939,551
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 1,031	£. 1,016	No. 7,421	£. 6,543

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
February, 1958	£. 3,927,918	£. 2,636,715	£. 11,202,701	£. 582,291
February, 1957	£. 3,311,596	£. 1,872,800	£. 9,637,612	£. 466,230
Eight months ended February, 1958	£. 31,037,092	£. 22,892,578	£. 85,161,597	£. 4,600,689
Eight months ended February, 1957	£. 27,621,415	£. 17,170,259	£. 79,892,544	£. 4,136,617



COMPANIES REGISTERED

188 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,498,000 and 67 Foreign Companies were registered during the eight months ended February, 1958. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 132 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £9,085,500 and 54 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Eight Months ended FEBRUARY					
	1958			1957		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	73	148,423	58,025	62	136,516	131,662
Deeds of Assignment (a)	68	326,963	274,288	58	205,480	295,470
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

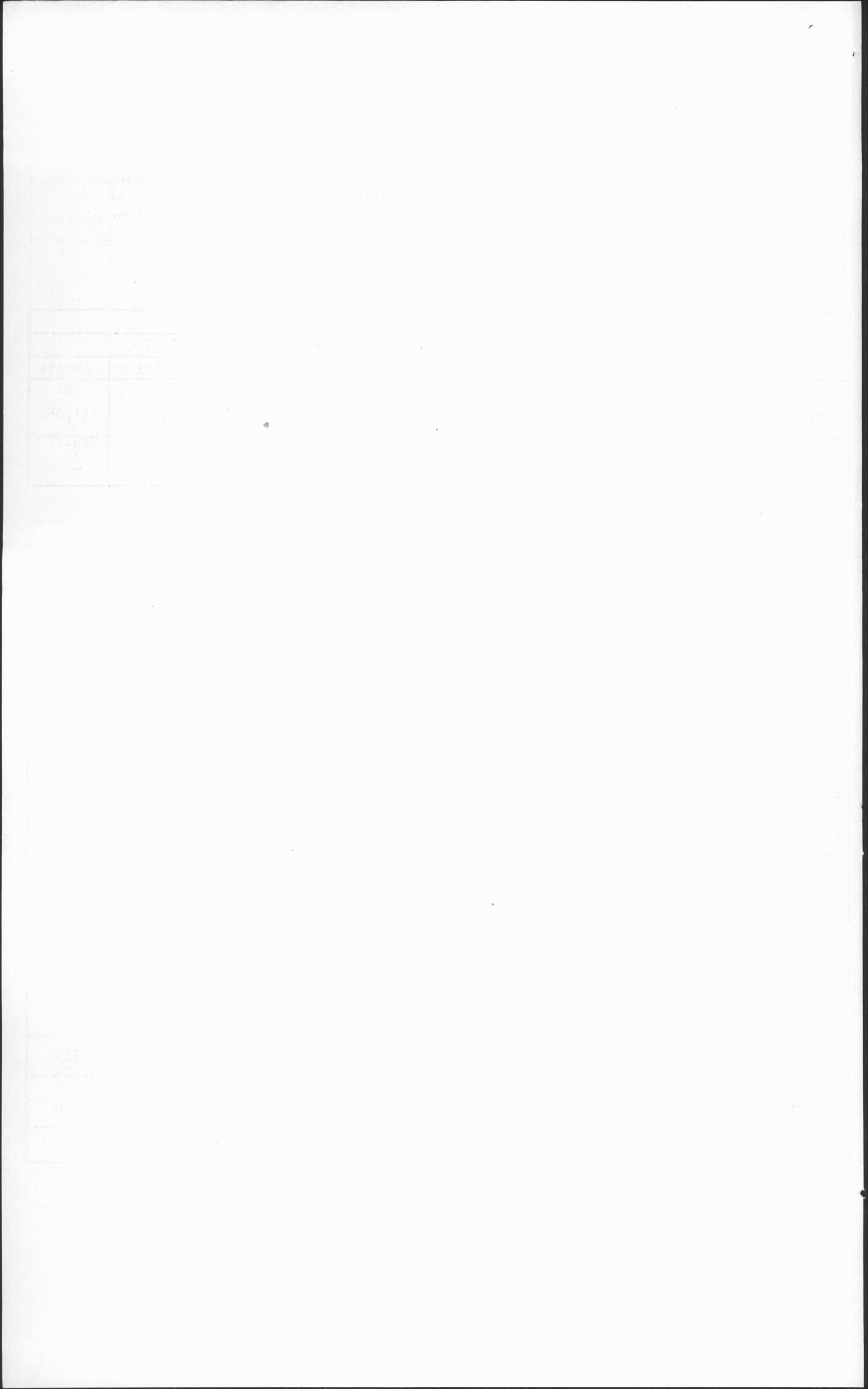
Item	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
Gross Earnings (a) *	£.	1,012,200	1,107,700	7,438,600
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,157,956	1,304,176	8,547,018
Train Miles Run	No.	587,468	654,470	4,261,790
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 102,061	(b) 114,541	(c) 725,665
<u>Passenger Journeys</u> -				
Train	No.	1,057,767	857,952	8,078,349
Motor Bus	No.	23,318	25,887	168,149
<u>Tonnage Carried</u>				
Paying Goods		270,817	332,867	1,871,903
Livestock		8,867	9,524	89,797
Departmental (Free Freight)		51,057	48,325	375,889
	Total:	330,741	390,716	2,337,589
				2,905,539
<u>Net Ton Mileage of</u> -				
Paying Goods		43,259,919	47,078,495	304,516,098
Livestock		1,055,106	1,121,349	12,476,436
Departmental (Free Freight)		4,734,043	4,848,223	38,383,208
	Total:	49,049,068	53,048,067	45,328,565
				442,495,039

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 4th January.

(c) Period ended January.

\* Figures liable to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
Year 1956	5,219	1,856	24	724	9,067	4,582	85	1,057
Year 1957	5,639	2,084	35	1,007	9,865	4,755	71	1,447
<u>1958 -</u>								
January	372	177	-	149	648	409	2	192

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1956 -</u>								
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
December	64,158	24,641	573	9,133	101,708	64,765	1,209	13,551
<u>1957 -</u>								
June	65,013	24,354	580	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,224	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	610	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,252	12,599
<u>1958 -</u>								
January	68,295	24,414	610	8,532	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Not available.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	3,789	2,827	26,005	24,093	7,860	10,616	61,995	73,138
	7,077	4,767	55,420	53,330	4,071	2,093	22,958	23,043
Total:	10,866	7,594	81,425	77,423	11,931	12,709	84,953	96,181



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
Year 1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
Year 1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
<u>1957 -</u>										
March Qr.	287	852	774	2,194	21	263	149	1,798	1,231	5,107
June Qr.	418	1,134	1,071	3,103	27	455	154	1,186	1,670	5,878
Sept. Qr.	275	784	1,396	3,972	28	178	207	1,363	1,906	6,297
Dec. Qr.	421	1,316	1,507	4,411	24	214	204	2,103	2,156	8,044

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

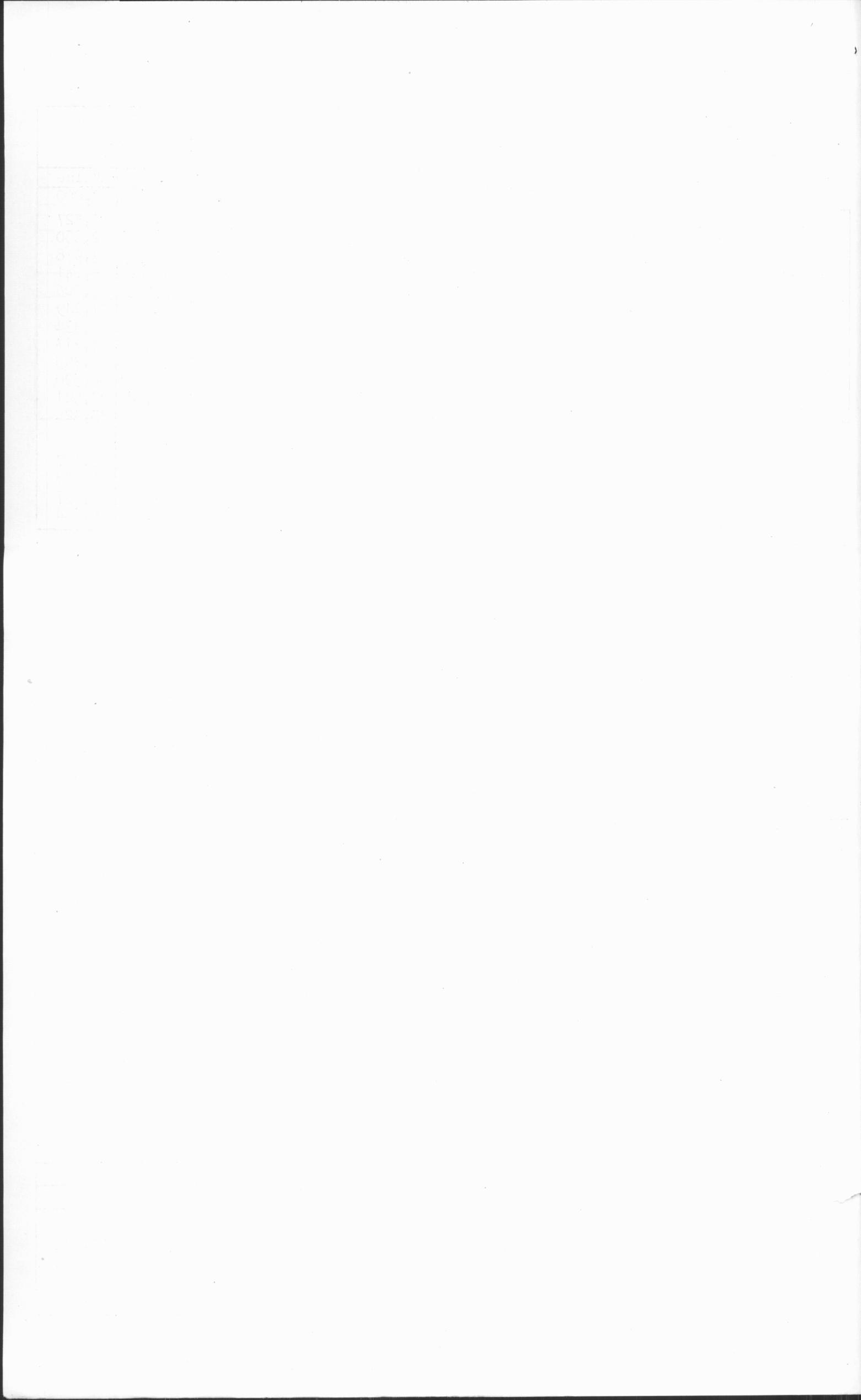
(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION  
(includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls								Total	
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other			
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
Year 1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
Year 1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
<u>1957 -</u>										
March Qr.	610	2,025	3	7	407	890	1	2	1,021	2,924
June Qr.	845	2,768	10	20	576	1,295	1	1	1,432	4,084
Sept. Qr.	1,018	3,223	5	11	601	1,405	2	3	1,626	4,642
Dec. Qr.	1,300	4,143	10	29	555	1,300	2	3	1,867	5,475

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	FEBRUARY		Two Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
<b>GOLD</b>				
Quantity	Fine ozs.	65,965	64,950	132,527
Value (Aust. Currency)*	£.	1,030,690	1,014,842	2,070,726
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	227,344	412,500	227,344
				412,500

\* Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Ltd. and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
Metropolitan Area	2946	3017	3046	3004	2707	2690	2729	2655
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3160	3240	3214	3170	2617	2616	2625	2563
Northam	3087	3150	3142	3055	2686	2644	2691	2584
Bunbury	3142	3136	3142	3064	2765	2720	2749	2664
Geraldton	3211	3209	3229	3110	2926	2885	2916	2825
Collie	3157	3154	3173	3088	2509	2478	2504	2434

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

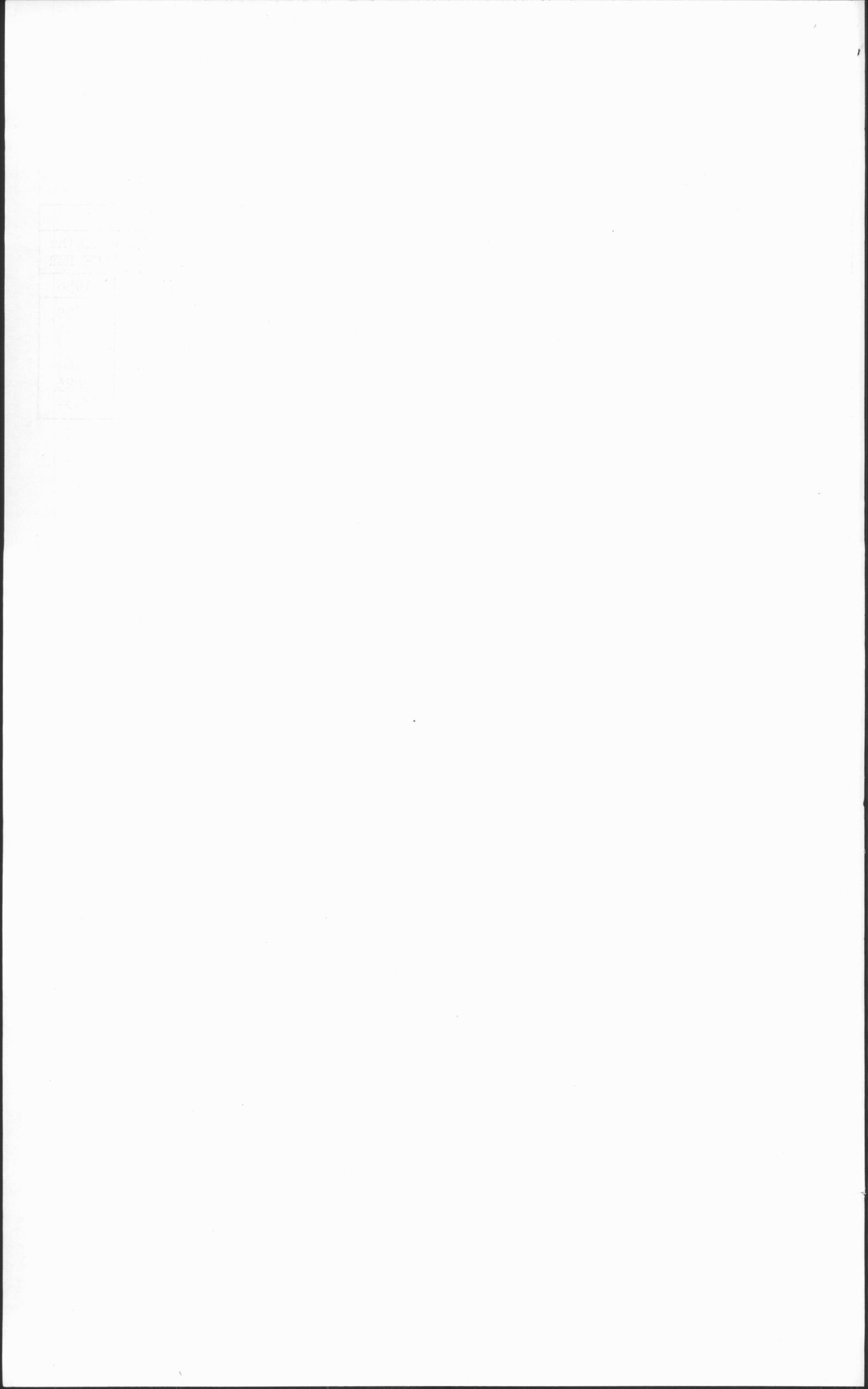
(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Month	1956			1957		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	136,330	43,687	180,017	134,232	43,806	178,038
February	137,946	44,627	182,573	134,594	44,839	179,433
March	137,563	44,762	182,325	134,816	45,022	179,838
April	136,859	44,848	181,707	134,587	44,505	179,092
May	136,208	45,034	181,242	134,124	44,691	178,815
June	135,482	44,565	180,047	133,650	44,159	177,809
July	134,639	44,545	179,184	133,311	44,323	177,634
August	134,685	44,019	178,704	133,411	44,457	177,868
September	134,431	44,167	178,598	133,669	44,815	178,484
October	134,494	44,189	178,683	134,413	44,907	179,320
November	134,756	44,368	179,124	134,431	45,352	179,783
December	134,699	44,623	179,322	134,178	45,688	179,866

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)				
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
January	213	226	237	241	232
February	217	228	240	241	235
March	220	231	242	240	236
April	221	230	243	239	234
May	222	231	242	238	234
June	220	230	239	235	231
July	221	230	238	231	230
August	221	230	239	230	230
September	223	232	241	233	232
October	224	233	241	233	233
November	227	234	243	233	234
December	227	233	242	232	233

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are preliminary.



STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
7/2/58	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
	13. 8. 6	8. 14. 6	13. 10. 1	8. 15. 7	13. 6. 7	8. 13. 3

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	45,406	43,530	375,027	359,430
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	41,621	39,840	340,141	326,567

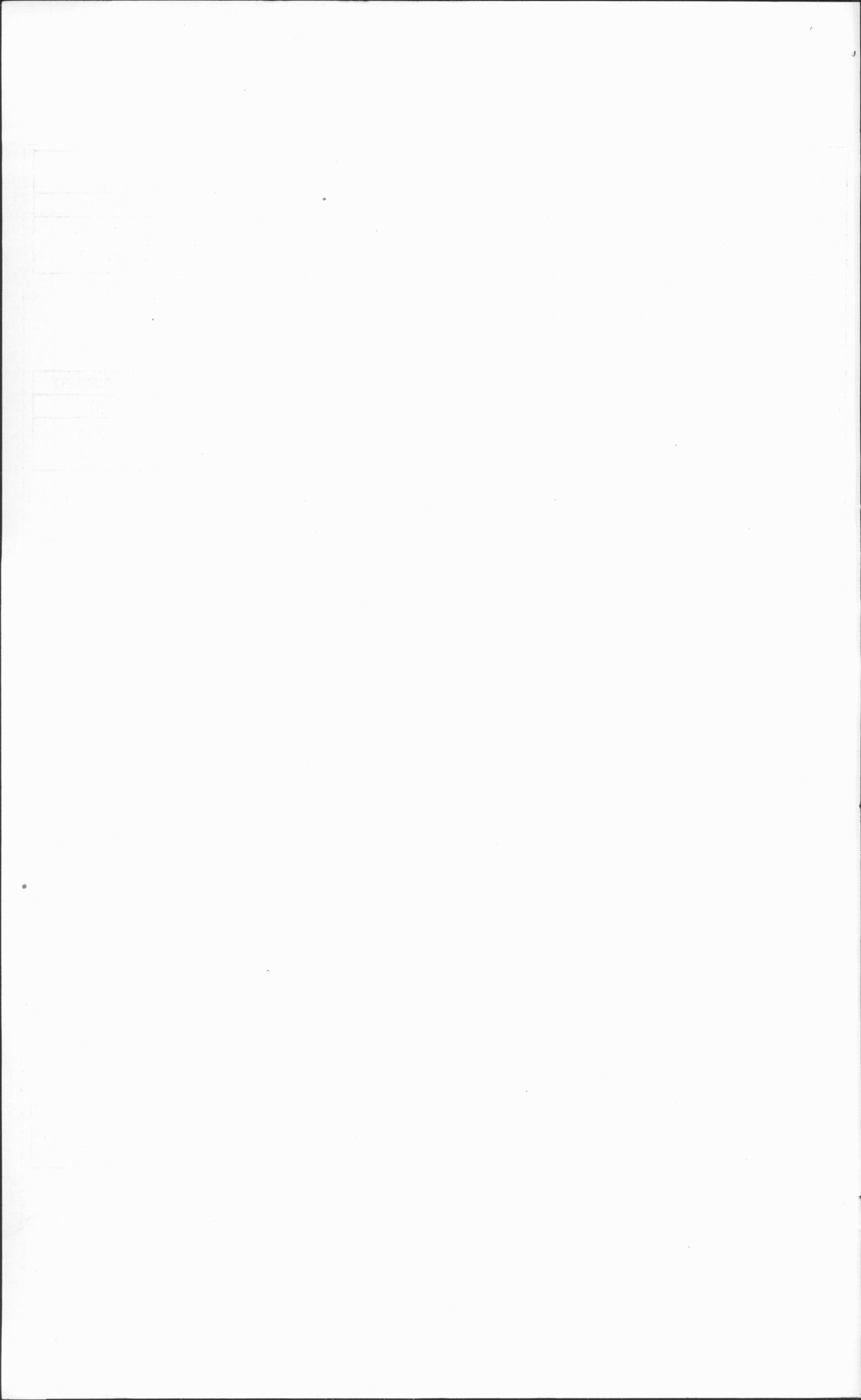
LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
January, 1958	10,068	568	102,729	16,792
January, 1957	7,667	355	84,493	10,024
7 Months ended January, 1958	77,625	3,920	889,988	118,640
7 Months ended January, 1957	74,847	2,820	893,809	85,741

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try
Year 1953	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
Year 1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
Year 1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
1958 - January	518	158	157	85	675	243	8	11	212	118



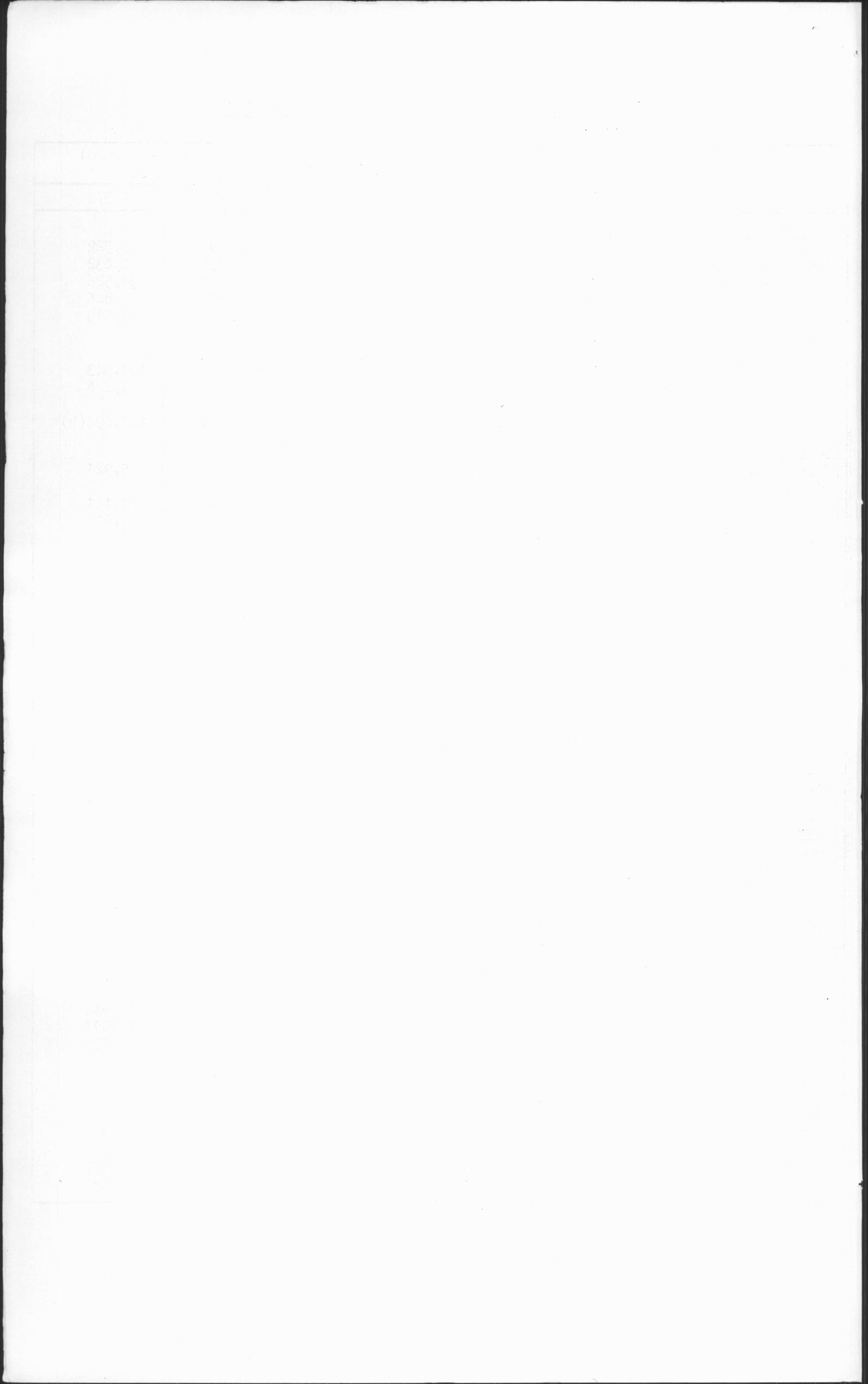
MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	409	391	3,591	3,522
Bricks - Cement	'000	269	94	1,495	1,232
- Clay	'000	7,590	8,046	68,828	59,526
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	128	146	1,019	866
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,975	2,225	18,122	15,619
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gal.	27,320	26,109	201,027	194,543
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	532	528	4,799	3,226
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) <i>+</i>	'000 sup.ft.	15,659(a)	14,034(a)	119,422(b)	124,694(b)
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	971	1,018	7,030	5,921
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	4,495	4,003	37,146	33,191
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	392	315	2,807	3,611
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	52	80	769	1,250
- 2 piece	no.	1,168	1,267	12,052	12,982
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	4,910	5,062	37,783	40,142
- Work	no.	14,986	12,086	97,059	98,340
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	28,178	33,025	205,659	232,367
Sandals	pair	8,658	9,661	153,417	149,700
Slippers	pair	26,628	24,386	192,104	256,628
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	464	579	4,514	4,926
Butter	'000 lb.	298	401	13,142	14,061
Cheese	'000 lb.	101	39	2,042	1,464
Jams	'000 lb.	75	68	426	343
Sauce - Tomato	Imperial pint	45,818	27,432	486,757	473,795
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	538	53	4,377	4,938
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	140	94	1,067	904
- Nitric	cwt.	18	34	262	410
- Sulphuric	ton	22,464	17,793	142,263	112,735
Coal	ton	63,156	67,789	560,608	544,851
Cycles, Pedal	no.	587	642	4,747	4,610
Gas Produced	Million cu. ft.	97	99	942	968
Iron (Pig Iron)	ton	1,405	1,127	9,800	9,366
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,881	2,086	19,169	15,944
- Woven Wire	no.	4,847	4,911	19,284	19,097
- Soft Filled	no.	3,343	3,189	24,514	24,399
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	44	36	298	312
Utilities (all types)	no.	1	8	18	28
Trailers (all types)	no.	8	7	82	90
Perambulators	no.	90	58	543	394
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	7,846	6,566	52,533	53,251
Superphosphate	ton	62,429	49,175	393,703	308,177
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,202	1,920	18,068	16,139

(a) January figures, February not available.

(b) Seven months ended January.

*+* Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.



VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1956-57	27.5	11.1	18.9	16.5	27.8	11.2	7.4	6.0	29.1	155.5	49.3
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.0
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.6	2.4	4.8	4.5	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	6.8	36.9	12.8
1957	6.6	2.7	4.8	4.6	5.9	2.7	1.8	1.4	7.0	37.5	12.3
June Qtr.											
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	11.7
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.9	2.6	4.3	3.5	7.3	2.8	1.6	1.4	7.1	37.5	11.3
1957	6.9	2.9	4.9	3.9	7.3	2.9	1.8	1.5	7.2	39.3	13.3
Sept. Qtr.											
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.5	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.9	2.8	4.4	3.6	6.5	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.8	36.7	11.2
1957	7.0	3.0	4.8	3.9	6.7	2.8	1.8	1.6	7.4	39.0	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.8	2.5	4.7	4.2	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	14.2
1956	7.1	2.7	4.8	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.6	8.1	42.0	12.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.



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AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 25% of Total Sales)

FRUIT

Item	Unit	1957												1958
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Lemons	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cranges - Navel	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	32. 0	21. 9	21. 5	15. 3	12.10	9. 8	8. 3	8. 2	10. 2	12. 0	13.11	24. 7	36. 6
- Val.	bush.	-	-	-	-	30. 2	19. 4	19. 7	23. 5	27. 1	32. 4	-	-	-
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 4	1. 2	1. 4	1. 5	1. 4	1. 4	1.11	2. 1	1.11	1. 7	1. 4	1. 0	1. 3
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	20. 0	19. 8	14. 5	19.10	24. 3	25. 9	27. 3	32. 6	42. 6	44. 9	57. 9	58. 7	-
- Other	bush.	21. 5	17.11	16.10	22. 8	23. 8	24. 5	27. 1	32. 8	42. 0	46. 5	63. 8	59. 8	31.10
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	20. 9	15. 9	15. 8	21.11	20. 2	18. 9	23. 8	30. 0	38. 0	-	-	-	29. 7
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	26. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 4	28. 0	43. 2
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	24.11	25. 1	25. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23. 2
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	19. 6	16. 8	25. 5	36.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.11
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	18. 5	18. 8	19. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.10	19.10	20. 3
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	17. 0	20. 4	24. 9	27. 4	24.11	28. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	31.11
														24.11

VEGETABLES

Item	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Cabbage	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cauliflowers	crate	3. 8	6.10	5. 8	6. 4	5. 6	5.11	12. 7	11.11	13. 5	5.10	7. 1	10. 6	16. 3
Lettuce	dozen	-	27. 0	21. 8	17. 0	11.11	7. 2	19. 4	14. 9	7. 0	9. 6	9. 7	-	-
Table Celery	crate	5. 9	6. 5	7.10	8. 3	6. 9	8. 0	15. 1	11. 9	11. 8	17. 0	13. 6	8. 2	8. 2
Beetroot	doz. head	6. 4	4. 9	6. 6	4. 7	6. 5	5. 6	4. 3	9.10	10. 6	7.11	9. 0	7. 5	9. 4
Carrots	cwt.	16. 8	27. 7	28. 3	21. 2	20. 1	17. 0	29. 7	43. 7	49. 5	44. 3	30. 4	64. 11	82. 6
Parsnips	cwt.	20. 6	39.10	46. 7	56. 8	45. 6	31. 2	39.10	35. 9	42. 3	40. 7	24. 3	19. 8	22. 0
Turnips	cwt.	69. 2	86. 1	111. 0	105. 9	84. 9	65. 9	73. 5	67. 0	68. 8	42.10	28. 6	27. 8	30. 1
Swedes	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	6. 3	8. 2	8. 2	6. 8	7. 6	5. 8	7. 9	8. 4	11. 2	4. 7	4. 0	6. 7	4. 3
Runner Beans	lb.	32. 9	67. 2	64. 1	74. 6	41. 9	29. 9	30. 6	31. 3	32. 2	31. 2	28. 6	34. 1	42. 10
Peas	lb.	5	9	11	7	6	9	1.11	2. 1	1. 3	10	10	11	1. 1
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	1. 7	2. 1	1.11	1. 4	1. 5	1. 9	2. 1	1. 4	11	9	11	1. 5	1. 9
Pumpkin	bag	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	3	3	3	4	5	4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	2	3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	23. 3	18.10	16. 1	16. 8	14. 3	15. 4	16. 1	16. 3	21.11	19. 9	14. 9	17. 11	19. 9
Onions (a)	ton	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	37. 3.0	40. 0.0	41. 8.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	31.15.0	31.15.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	41.15.0	41.15.0	41.15.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. / No local onions available. / 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth. / No Board Price, onions sold only by auction this month.



AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 50% of Total Sales)

LIVESTOCK

Item	1957												1958
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>													
Suckers	-	-	-	-	4. 8. 0	4.17. 0	4.12. 0	4. 7. 4	4. 4. 10	3.17. 9	3.13. 2	-	-
Lambs - In Wool	3.18. 0	4. 6. 8	4.11. 8	5. 7. 0	5.12. 5	6. 2. 7	4.16. 0	4. 7. 2	-	-	-	4. 0. 7	
- Shorn	-	-	-	4. 4. 0	4. 1. 7	4.19. 5	4. 9. 5	3.13. 7	3.14. 3	3. 9. 5	3. 7. 7	3.17. 11	-
Hoggets - In Wool	3.16. 8	4. 4. 8	4. 7. 8	4. 9. 10	4.18. 8	5.12. 5	4.17. 3	3.17. 5	-	-	-	3.13. 3	
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	3.12. 10	5. 3. 7	3. 4. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ewes - In Wool	2.17. 0	3. 7. 8	3. 6. 3	4. 1. 10	4.16. 3	5. 5. 3	4.18. 8	4. 8. 2	-	-	-	2. 6. 1	
- Shorn	-	-	-	2. 4. 0	3. 2. 3	4. 2. 3	3. 6. 0	2.11. 7	2. 6. 5	1.18. 2	1.17. 2	2. 2. 10	-
Wethers - In Wool	3.17. 5	4. 3. 5	4. 3. 10	4.16. 10	5. 7. 10	6. 7. 7	5. 6. 5	4. 3. 5	-	-	-	3. 1. 11	
- Shorn	-	-	-	2.18. 7	3. 7. 7	3.14. 5	3.14. 5	3. 3. 11	2.16. 7	2.10. 10	2.17. 9	3. 1. 7	-
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>													
Baby Beef	29. 9. 0	27.13. 5	29. 9. 10	34. 7. 7	40. 5. 5	40. 2. 0	39.14. 3	35.13. 4	32. 2. 2	29. 6. 0	20. 5. 10	28. 7. 7	28. 7. 1
Heifers	31. 2. 5	30.19. 3	34.15. 5	41.19. 10	46. 0. 10	46. 7. 10	43.13. 3	39. 2. 10	36. 0. 5	34. 7. 7	30. 3. 9	32. 5. 0	33. 0. 0
Cows	41.10. 3	35. 7. 3	40.14. 5	45. 0. 10	47.16. 3	47. 9. 3	48.16. 10	39.15. 2	38.14. 6	36. 8. 10	36.13. 6	34.18. 0	40.11. 9
Steers	40. 3. 7	38. 8. 5	46.10. 10	50.13. 7	53.15. 0	52. 9. 3	52. 7. 3	47.11. 9	44.14. 9	41. 4. 7	40. 0. 7	41. 2. 4	43. 1. 6
Bullocks	46.10. 7	44. 4. 10	44.13. 3	57. 1. 0	54. 8. 10	52. 7. 7	50.17. 10	45.19. 0	43.11. 10	45. 7. 4	46. 6. 11	44.15. 11	43. 4. 0
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>													
Slips	6. 8. 7	6.14. 3	6. 6. 5	5.12. 5	5. 6. 0	4.14. 0	4.16. 3	3.17. 3	3.15. 3	3. 7. 4	3. 0. 11	3. 8. 2	2.18. 11
Porkers	10.18. 7	10. 3. 10	9.16. 3	10.16. 0	9.13. 1	9. 4. 7	8.15. 1	8.12. 7	7.16. 8	7.10. 10	7.11. 2	6.16. 8	7. 1. 0
Baconers	17.10. 3	17. 0. 10	17. 0. 10	16.16. 7	15.17. 0	15.17. 5	14.15. 0	14. 0. 8	13. 3. 8	12. 6. 8	12.13. 0	11. 9. 10	11. 7. 4

∅ Decrease in price mainly due to a seasonal influx of light weight Baby Beef.

